

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Richmond, August 18, 1862.*

In conformity with paragraph II, General Orders, No. 53, War Department, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, July 31, 1862, Medical Directors, Chief Surgeons of Division, and Senior Surgeons of Brigade are not to be considered a part of the personal staff of their Commanding Generals. They are General Staff Officers, and are to be required to attend to all the particular duties of their position in the Army, Division, or Brigade, and any change of Generals of these commands does not involve them.

Should different armies be consolidated under one commander, the Medical Directors of the armies thus absorbed cease to act as such. They must report to, and will be governed by the orders of, the Medical Director of the Commanding General.

S. P. MOORE,  
*Surgeon General.*